

May 4, 2021
FY 21/22 Preliminary Budget Discussions-10:00 AM

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on May 4, 2021 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Peck, Commissioner Letcher, County Administrator Patrick McFadden and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

Weed Department: Present was Mike Bradeen.

Mike gave an overview of the weed budget and anticipated expenditures for fiscal year 21/22. Mike briefed the commissioners on potential grant funds, and full-time and seasonal employees. Mike informed the commissioners about a truck that will need replaced soon and is part of his Capital Improvement Plan for vehicles and equipment.

Clerk and Recorder: Present were Robin Benson and Paula Buff.

Robin gave an overview of the Clerk & Recorder's budget and anticipated expenditures for fiscal year 21/22. Robin shared that recording revenues have significantly increased. Robin said she is requesting a full-time Land Specialist/GIS Tech eliminating two current contracts and to help with the employee gap from absorbing the addressing department.

Elections: Present were Robin Benson and Paula Buff.

Paula gave an overview of the elections budget and anticipated expenditures for fiscal year 21/22 and briefed the commissioners on her training, accomplishments and what she is currently working on. Paula is requesting balancing a higher wage with a salaried position, eliminating overtime pay. Robin commented on the complex skillset required to fill the EA position, and is supportive of Paula's request.

Sheriff's Department: Present were Darren Short and Brad Dodson.

Brad gave an overview of the sheriff's budget and anticipated expenditures for fiscal year 21/22 and clarified differences in non-taxpayer line items and taxpayer funded line items.

Darren shared the cost of two Conex boxes to store required records with up to a 75-year retention and would like to place them at the county shop; this will also help other departments that retain records. Darren talked about workspace improvements and gave a brief grant update.

12:00 PM **Meeting Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin A. Benson, Clerk and Recorder